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1. On 13 July 1953, Colle (fmu), head of the Liquid Fuel Main Administration of the State Secretariat for Chemistry in East Berlin, announced that all capital investments of the 1953 plan year for an increase of the capacity of the fuel industry had been cancelled at short notice. He said that all buildings under construction should, however, be completed pending other decisions and that the current production had to be maintained.¹

2. Since 1 July 1953, all consumers of solid or liquid fuels received allotments which were increased about 20 percent.²

3. In mid-July 1953, it was stated at the State Secretariat for Chemistry that in a number of cases DHZKM was, because of insufficient storing capacity, unable to accept fuels offered by fuel producing plants.

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1. Comment. Plants under construction include cracking plant No IV at Rositz which was scheduled to process additional 120,000 tons of lignite low temperature tar per year. The plant is ready for operation except for a 16,000 K.V.A. turbine. The Rositz gasoline plant will have an output of 310,000 tons per year after completion.

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2. Comment. In 1953 processing capacity of the Zeitz plant was scheduled to be increased to 455,000 tons of tar oil and light oil per year as a result of the erection of horizontal centrifugal machines (Horizontal-Schaelzentrifugen) and two frame filtering presses.

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